

## Message Text

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CARACAS FOR ROBERT PASTOR, NSC

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TAGS: PINT, PEPR, PINS, DR

SUBJECT: SITREP AS OF 11 PM

1. ALL APPEARS QUIET IN THE CAPITAL, WITH ONLY SCATTERED REPORTS OF ELECTION-HANGOVER VIOLENCE IN THE INTERIOR, AS THE COUNTRY CONTINUES TO AWAIT THE RESULTS OF THE MAY 16 VOTE-COUNT.

2. THE JCE PROCEDURES CONTINUE, CUMBERSOME AND SLOW, ESPECIALLY FOR US PRESS WHICH HANGS ON HERE EITHER FOR THE FINAL RESULTS OR FOR FURTHER UPSETS IN THE PROCESS. MANY AMERICAN NEWSMEN FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND WHY THE COUNTING, SUSPENDED OVER THE WEEKEND WHILE THE BUREAUCRACY RESTED AND THEN TARDILY RESUMED THIS

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MORNING, ONLY TO CLOSE AT NOON WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT COUNTING WOULD RESUME AT 4 O'CLOCK. IT ACTUALLY BEGAN AT 4:45. THE AFTERNOON SESSION WAS LIKEWISE BRIEF, AS DOCUMENTED RESULTS FROM THE INTERIOR ARE SAID TO BE SLOW IN COMING TO THE CAPITAL.

3. THERE IS NO GOOD EXPLANATION AT THIS HOUR WHY THE

RETURNS ARE SO SLOW, BUT WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IT  
REFLECTS THE NEWNESS OF THE EXPERIENCE AND THE CONFUSION  
OF THE PAST FEW DAYS. APART FROM SCATTERED CHARGES OF  
SKULDUGGERY AT THE CROSSROADS, EMBASSY FEELS THE PROCESS  
CONTINUES TO BE CLEAN. AT LEAST THE PRD HAS MADE NO  
COMPLAINTS.

4. ACTUAL TALLIES FOLLOWING THE HOUR-LONG SESSION THIS  
AFTERNOON, SHOW THE HAIRLINE BALANCE FROM THE MORNING  
SESSION TO HAVE SHIFTED TO A PRD LEAD OF 3,300 VOTES.  
THE TALLIES NOW STAND AT 375,900 FOR THE PRD AND 373,000  
FOR BALAGUER. THIS COUNT AGAIN EXCLUDES THE NATIONAL  
DISTRICT TOTALS, AND MANY LARGER PROVINCIAL TOWNS ARE YET  
TO REPORT.

5. THE PRD AS EXPECTED IS SCORING BIG GAINS IN THE MORE  
SIZABLE TOWNS AS THE PARTY TOPPED THE REFORMISTA COUNT  
IN MOCA BY MORE THAN 12,000 AND ENJOYED AN EDGE OF  
MORE THAN 3,000 IN BANI. WITH MANY OF THE MORE URBAN  
AREAS YET TO REPORT, AREAS WHERE PRD SYMPATHIES ARE  
THOUGHT TO BE STRONG, THE PARTY IS EXPECTED TO HOLD  
ITS LEAD.

6. THE PRESIDENT OF THE JCE, MANUEL CASTILLO,  
ANNOUNCED THAT THE COUNT WOULD BEGIN AGAIN TMORROW  
AT 9 AM, PENDING THE ARRIVAL OF ADDITIONAL ELECTION  
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REPORTS FROM THE COUNTRYSIDE.

7. THE ATMOSPHERE OF TODAY'S PROCEEDINGS SEEMED  
RELAXED ENOUGH, BUT CHAIRMAN CASTILLO IS NOW ESCORTED  
BY AT LEAST THREE TOUGH-LOOKING BODY GUARDS. A DELE-  
GATION OF 75 LADIES FROM THE CRUZADA DE AMOR, THE  
BALAGUERS' CHARITY/POLITICAL ORGANIZATION, WENT TO  
CASTILLO'S OFFICE TO PAY HIM A COURTESY CALL. THEY  
MILLED ABOUT FOR A FEW MINUTES, WERE INFORMED HE COULD  
NOT SEE THEM, AND LEFT.

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